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Nutrition Promotion

Organization Name	Project Description	Grant Award
Active San Gabriel Valley	Active San Gabriel Valley will expand the CalFresh Healthy Living program, offering hands-on nutrition education classes and food preparation demonstrations, and promoting recipes and sustainability strategies such as composting via social media. They will also organize community fruit and vegetable "crop swaps" to promote nutrition education, empower participants with cooking skills, and foster a culture of sustainability, ultimately aiming to reduce food insecurity and promote equitable food access in the San Gabriel Valley.	\$250,000
Antelope Valley Partners for Health	Antelope Valley Partners for Health will provide ServSafe food handling certificate trainings to improve safety at 12 food pantries and in the broader community. They will also enhance food assistance programs for college students both through providing food and also by conducting CalFresh outreach and enrollment, focusing on priority youth populations such as foster youth, parenting students, and those involved with the justice system.	\$250,000
Breastfeeding Task Force of Greater Los Angeles: BreastfeedLA	BreastfeedLA, a grassroots coalition formed in 1994 and incorporated as a nonprofit in September 2021, will appoint a BreastfeedLA Infant Feeding Coordinator in collaboration with the Department of Public Health to tackle infant feeding disparities, aiming to reduce infant mortality and foster healthier environments. Through this initiative, BreastfeedLA aims to address systemic issues, provide lactation education, and promote breast/chestfeeding as a strategy to combat food insecurity. By supporting breast/chestfeeding, it is possible to improve the overall well-being of both infants and mothers, alleviate financial strain on families, and build stronger, more resilient communities.	\$200,000



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Chinese Christian Herald Crusades Inc.	The Chinese Christian Health Crusade's LA chapter aims to address the needs of underserved Chinese immigrants in the San Gabriel Valley through their "Wellness 4 Everyone" program. By providing comprehensive community services, nutrition education, food access programs, and safe food handling education, they seek to empower communities with resources and knowledge to promote healthy eating habits and improve food equity.	\$250,000
Clínica Monseñor Oscar A. Romero	Clínica Monseñor Oscar A. Romero (CMOAR), a nonprofit Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), serves over 12,200 patients in southern Los Angeles County with primary medical, dental, and behavioral health services. With LA Food Equity Funding, CMOAR plans to enhance staffing with a Registered Dietitian and case managers, purchase outreach materials in Spanish, and develop a nutrition education course tailored to the dietary traditions of Latino populations.	\$250,000
ECO URBAN GARDENS	Eco Urban Gardens combats food insecurity by promoting urban agriculture and sustainable living practices, aiming to provide farm- fresh products to every household. They will develop outreach programs, conduct workshops, and establish a Community- Supported Agriculture farm-to-table program to engage new community members and efficiently distribute food, while also expanding their team to enhance outreach and education efforts for long-term sustainability.	\$250,000



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El Nido Family Centers	<p>El Nido Family Centers (ENFC) has been empowering families in low-income communities of Los Angeles County since 1925 through various programs aimed at breaking the cycle of poverty, violence, and academic failure. ENFC plans to expand their efforts by partnering with CSUN's Marilyn Magaram Center for Food Science, Nutrition, and Dietetics to provide nutrition education, cooking demonstrations, and gardening workshops, aiming to increase food literacy and promote healthy eating habits while supporting the development of a sustainable farmers market in Pacoima to foster community engagement and economic development.</p>	\$250,000
FEAST	<p>FEAST enhances wellness in underserved communities in South LA by providing healthy foods and fostering human connection. Through scholarships for health educator trainings and website development with a partner portal for organizations to access their comprehensive Wellness curriculum and training materials, FEAST seeks to expand its reach and effectiveness in combating food insecurity and dietary-related diseases.</p>	\$200,000
Hot and Cool Foundation	<p>The Hot and Cool Foundation, established as Hot and Cool Cafe in 2018, is a social enterprise that has been a vital source of healthy food and community support in Leimert Park for five years, offering employment and training to formerly incarcerated individuals and foster youth. With funding for their nutrition and food education program, they aim to conduct workshops, distribute educational materials, and continue their workforce development efforts by fostering employment opportunities and empowering underserved individuals to address food equity issues and improve nutrition in their communities.</p>	\$250,000



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Impact Justice	<p>Impact Justice is committed to advancing safety, justice, and opportunity through innovative programs, focusing on training organizations serving individuals returning from incarceration in nutrition promotion, and estimating reaching 250 residents in Los Angeles County with nutrition education. Their train-the-trainer model equips organizations to offer practical nutrition education to address the needs of individuals transitioning from incarceration, promoting health and community engagement.</p>	\$151,644
Northeast Valley Health Corporation	<p>Northeast Valley Health Corporation, a federally qualified health center (FQHC) primarily serving residents of San Fernando and Santa Clarita valleys, will implement the Food & Nutrition Security (FNS) Project, aiming to increase food insecurity screenings and connect high-risk residents of the West San Fernando Valley with healthier food options. Their staff will focus on screenings at the Canoga Park Health Center (CPHC), refer patients to the local Canoga Park Farmers Market with food vouchers, and facilitate education for pre-diabetic patients via nutrition classes, ultimately improving food equity among low-income Latinx residents and fostering partnerships with West Valley food resource organizations.</p>	\$250,000



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<p>ORALE (Organizing Rooted in Abolition, Liberation, and Empowerment)</p>	<p>ÓRALE will conduct culturally-informed nutrition workshops for Spanish-speaking immigrant and undocumented families in Long Beach, Wilmington, and the greater South Bay region. They'll collaborate with experts to educate on nutrition, enhance access to fresh foods, and create a community cookbook for long-term wellness and cultural preservation. Their goal is to empower these communities with the tools to make healthier food choices and improve overall health while honoring their culinary traditions.</p>	<p>\$200,000</p>
<p>The Shaw Community Transformation Corporation DBA Creating Justice LA</p>	<p>The Creating Justice LA Peace and Healing Center, in collaboration with various partners, serves as a hub for Skid Row residents, offering free programming, nutritious food, and job training in an inclusive space. Funds will be used to expand the Center's capacity, including kitchen upgrades for cooking and nutrition education programs, and to support equitable food procurement practices, job training, and workforce development initiatives. Through these efforts, the Center aims to provide essential resources to the Skid Row community, empower individuals to heal and thrive, and create a blueprint for food equity and social justice in an environment deeply impacted by homelessness.</p>	<p>\$151,567.50</p>



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ALMA Backyard Farms	ALMA Backyard Farms will enhance their urban agriculture programs, focusing on personnel expansion, site improvements, and community-building initiatives to address food equity and social justice issues. By investing in team development and infrastructure, ALMA seeks to establish long-term sustainability while continuing to offer affordable food options and expand educational programs for diverse communities in Compton, San Pedro and beyond.	\$406,000
Inclusive Action for the City	Inclusive Action for the City will focus on 1) expanding food handler certificate training workshops and developing street- vendor accessible commissary spaces and 2) pilot a street vendor cohort focused on technical support for street vendors who want to rent commissary space, receive food safety training, permits, etc. These efforts aim to better prepare street vendors to comply with new food policy regulations and enter the formal food economy successfully, ensuring they can operate their businesses with dignity.	\$406,000
LA Más, Inc.	LA Más, Inc. will anchor the Northeast LA Food Justice Hub, comprised of seven organizations leading food sovereignty efforts in Northeast LA. Funding will focus on leasehold improvements, equipment, storage, transportation, speaker, language interpretation, and childcare support for the Hub. The initiative aims to center care and cooperation in the community, supporting grassroots organizations and fostering sustainability while addressing systemic issues of resource extraction, profit prioritization, and exploitation of working-class people of color.	\$250,000



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<p>Lancaster Homeless Group (dba: Street Company)</p>	<p>Street Company will launch a social enterprise, Casters Farm, featuring an indoor vertical hydroponic farming unit, providing fresh produce to employees, program participants, and unhoused individuals in the Antelope Valley. The initiative will create employment opportunities for unhoused residents, ensure sustainable food production, and pave the way for future expansion to supply local restaurants, farmers markets, hospitals, and community kitchens.</p>	<p>\$293,665</p>
<p>Los Angeles Food Policy Council</p>	<p>The LA Food Policy Council will develop a blueprint for a communal food hub, an initiative that stands as a cornerstone of the Food Equity Roundtable Strategic Plan. Additionally, the Council will launch a new iteration of the Farm Fresh LA program, aimed at connecting local growers with retailers to enhance food equity and address community needs.</p>	<p>400,000</p>
<p>Occidental College, Urban & Environment al Policy Institute</p>	<p>The Farm to Classroom project, facilitated by SEE-LA's eat! platform, increases schools' capacity to provide fresh, locally- produced foods to high-need students and families in South and Northeast LA communities. Through partnerships with schools, the project will provide farmers' market produce to thousands of students and caregivers, offer educational resources through the eat! platform, and establish lasting connections between local farmers and school programs, benefiting both farmers and communities.</p>	<p>\$400,000</p>



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Partnership for Growth Los Angeles	Partnership for Growth LA will expand its food equity efforts and "Freedom Farms" by hiring key staff and consultants to develop efficient supply chain systems, mirroring recommendations from recent research on alternative food networks. This includes investing in key staff such as a Freedom Farms Director, and Transportation Lead to oversee program development, create a new supply chain, manage transportation, and link farms to the labor force needed for sustainability, while also funding for staff certifications, permits, food packaging supplies, transportation vehicles, and legal support for developing a cooperative infrastructure.	\$400,000
Prosperity Market	Prosperity Market, a mobile farmers market in Los Angeles featuring Black farmers and food producers, aims to enhance food access and community partnerships in South LA and beyond with their mobile farmers market. Their project includes aggregating and distributing local produce, developing digital infrastructure, establishing more pickup locations, and providing technical assistance programs. This will stabilize organizations along the supply chain and ensure sustainable growth for under-resourced producers and retailers.	\$150,000
San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments	The San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments, a regional planning agency, will use funds to bolster and expand its regional food recovery program. Activities include providing technical assistance and fostering lasting partnerships between cities, grocery stores, restaurants, schools, and food recovery organizations to increase efficiency of food recovery, prevent duplication of efforts, and support smaller organizations.	\$350,000



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Social Justice Learning Institute	Social Justice Learning Institute's health equity work will focus on expanding their Food for Thought (FFT) program, aimed at addressing food insecurity, reducing food waste, and empowering South Bay and South Los Angeles communities through sustainable agriculture practices and educational workshops. Anchored by their urban farm in Inglewood, they will utilize sustainable agricultural practices to provide access to healthy, culturally relevant, and affordable produce to community shops, markets, and restaurants.	\$300,000
Special Services for Groups/Asian Pacific Islander Forward Movement	Asian Pacific Islander Forward Movement, a division of SSG, focuses on community health, food, and environmental justice within the API community. Funds will be used to bolster their Food Roots Harvest community food hub working with local farmers and expanding their program infrascture, and to develop a community garden in an underserved Asian Pacific Islander neighborhood with cooking demonstrations and food distribution.	\$406,000
SÜPRMARKT	SÜPRMARKT, a social enterprise in LA, is dedicated to making fresh food affordable, especially in South Central LA, by offering free and reduced-price organic groceries, educational materials, and community events. Their goal is to establish a new organic grocery store in South Central, providing community discounts on prepared foods, free health education, and activities for at least 100 community members monthly, fostering a holistic approach to combat food insecurity.	\$200,000
With Love Market and Cafe	With Love Market and Cafe, a community-owned social enterprise in South Los Angeles, prioritizes access to affordable healthy food, safe spaces, and local employment opportunities, emphasizing equality and inclusivity. Their project funding will support strategic initiatives to stabilize and expand their local food hub, aiming for self-sufficiency by 2026, reinforcing their commitment to serving the community and fostering a thriving and equitable food ecosystem in South LA.	\$300,000



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<p>Armenian Relief Society of Western USA, Inc.</p>	<p>The Armenian Relief Society of Western USA, Social Services seeks to improve living standards of individuals and families and address societal needs in Hollywood and Glendale through public benefits enrollment. Their project will aim to better serve Limited English Proficient immigrants and low-income older adults, promoting food equity enrollment programs, with anticipated impacts including improved access to nutritious foods, reduced health disparities, and increased economic security.</p>	<p>\$246,497</p>
<p>Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA)</p>	<p>CHIRLA will use funding to provide in-language education and enrollment assistance to low-income immigrants, focusing on informing older immigrants about CalFresh benefits and the potential expansion of the Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants. Through activities like in-person sessions and distributing educational materials they hope to build capacity to guide members through application processes and providing follow-up support to establish long-term assistance clinics, addressing barriers to accessing food assistance benefits for low-income communities.</p>	<p>\$225,000</p>
<p>Granada on Broadway Outreach Project</p>	<p>Granada on Broadway will conduct outreach and enrollment efforts in South LA to enroll clients in services like CalFresh, cash assistance, and medical aid, focusing on simple, culturally relevant communication. Their project will focus on connecting with youth, students, people of color, and the Latino population to navigate enrolling into essential food programs that address food insecurity and systemic health disparities.</p>	<p>\$100,000</p>



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Hunger Action Los Angeles	Hunger Action Los Angeles (HALA) aims to combat hunger and promote healthy eating in Los Angeles County through programs like Market Match and CalFresh outreach. They plan to expand efforts by hiring and training more Community CalFresh Enrollment Specialists. They'll conduct workshops for community organizations in areas like the Antelope Valley and Long Beach, with a goal of enrolling households in each area, and plan to update their publication "The Peoples Guide to Welfare, Health and Other Services" into a mobile app, creating a self-sustainable model for ongoing impact.	\$250,000
Maternal and Child Health Access Project	Maternal and Child Health Access (MCHA) supports women, pregnant individuals, and families, focusing on addressing food insecurity through programs like CalFresh enrollment. With funding, MCHA plans to broaden its target audience, implement strategies outlined in the LA County Food Equity Roundtable report, tackle online access barriers, and advocate for medically tailored meals that can be covered by Medi-Cal.	\$250,000
Mayor's Fund for Long Beach	The Mayor's Fund will expand the Long Beach Hub, an online platform for access to services and resources, to include more comprehensive connections to nutrition and food security. Through increased staff capacity, technology improvements, and collaboration with childcare partners, the project aims to streamline processes, improve outreach, and embed food security measures within the LB Hub platform, ultimately leading to increased efficiency, reduced barriers to benefits enrollment, and improved access to nutritious food for vulnerable communities in Long Beach.	\$225,000



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National Health Foundation	The National Health Foundation's CalFresh Connection program addresses food insecurity in Los Angeles County by connecting individuals to CalFresh benefits and local food resources through experienced Community Health Workers/Promotores. Funds will expand staff capacity, allowing for more comprehensive outreach, education, and enrollment assistance to under-resourced communities.	\$160,000
Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County (NLSLA)	Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County (NLSLA) provides free legal aid to low-income individuals, focusing on various areas such as housing, immigration, healthcare access, and public benefits. Their BAILA Network assists eligible immigrants to enroll in CalFresh, supports "food as medicine" initiatives with health centers, and offers comprehensive support including coordination, outreach, advocacy, and legal representation, demonstrating effectiveness through increased referrals and partnership engagement.	\$250,000
United Parents and Students (UPAS)	United Parents and Students (UPAS) plans to enhance the accessibility of City and County public benefit applications and food distribution services for low-income residents by analyzing the current system, conducting research-actions, and advocating for improvements in the first year. In the second year, they will support the implementation of the new system through training sessions and stakeholder meetings, aiming to improve access to public benefits and address nutrition security and health outcomes for vulnerable communities, with the grant supporting additional staff and operational costs to enhance UPAS's capacity for this important work.	\$250,000



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Asian Youth Center (AYC)	Asian Youth Center's (AYC) mission is to empower low-income, immigrant, and at-risk youth, of all communities, to overcome barriers to success through the provision of culturally and linguistically competent education, employment, and social services. Their Emergency Food Program (EFP) has operated for over a decade and in March 2023 the program expanded to Rowland Heights and Hacienda Heights and they will be conducting monthly distributions at both locations.	\$100,000
Black Women for Wellness	Black Women for Wellness (BWW) seeks to address food inequity and insecurity and advance the health and wellbeing of Black women and girls in South Los Angeles. They will distribute food, including recipe cards inspired by that week's produce, to Black families and individuals through a bi-weekly food distribution.	\$100,000
Food Finders Inc.	Serving Long Beach, Food Finders' mission is to eliminate hunger and food waste while improving nutrition in food insecure communities. Their main operation is food rescue and distribution, linking the food surplus from their network of food related business, clubs, school and hospitals, etc. to their nonprofit recipients who provide food and meal services directly to the food insecure households or individuals. Through this project they are utilizing a Food Hub/Community Marketplace model for food distribution.	\$100,000
Los Angeles LGBT Center	The Los Angeles LGBT Center brings 54 years of expertise in dismantling systemic barriers faced by LGBTQ+ people to live as healthy, equal, and complete members of society. Their focus is operating a Senior Pride Pantry in three locations: Triangle Square , Ariadne Getty Senior Housing, and their senior center.	\$100,000



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SALVA	<p>Located in Palmdale, California, SALVA is dedicated to empowering immigrants through a range of educational programs and support services. SALVA will conduct monthly food distributions in Lancaster and weekly in Palmdale.</p>	\$100,000
SHIELDS For Families	<p>SHIELDS for Families (SHIELDS) is a nonprofit community-based organization serving low-income individuals and families residing in South Los Angeles communities. Funds will support their Food Bank program, which has been distributing perishable and non-perishable food and basic needs items in the community for over 20 years, serving over 32,000 households (94,500 individuals) since March 2020.</p>	\$100,000
St. Francis Center	<p>Since 1972, St. Francis Center (SFC) has provided hunger relief to homeless and extremely low-income families and individuals in Los Angeles. Funds will support their weekly food pantry services for families, youth, disabled adults, seniors, veterans, and those living in supportive housing through an on-site pantry, six satellite pantries, and pop-up pantries organized on an 'as needed' basis in food deserts throughout Los Angeles.</p>	\$100,000



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Lutheran Social Services of Southern California	Lutheran Social Services of Southern California – Long Beach (LSSSC Long Beach) has operated a large-scale community pantry program since 1983. Funds will support continued pantry access Monday through Thursday, sourcing culturally relevant produce and goods from local Hispanic and Cambodian markets in Long Beach and partners like Food Finders.	\$100,000
MEND - Meet Each Need with Dignity	Begun as a grassroots volunteer effort in 1971, MEND – Meet Each Need with Dignity - provides food, necessities, and other services to high-need communities in the San Fernando Valley. MEND's services include food distribution, community outreach, and case management. Funds will support MEND's Community Nourishment Programs, which distribute over 3 million pounds of food through a Food Pantry, Food Bank (supplying a network of SFV pantries), Buen Provecho Farmers Market, and Little Health Market, benefiting 269,000 food-insecure people. Onsite outreach includes diaper distribution and weekly First Step services for people experiencing homelessness, offering a meal, bag of food, clothing, hygiene products, and local service referrals to nearly 800 individuals.	\$100,000
NoHo Home Alliance	Founded in 2018, NoHo Home Alliance cultivates community solutions to homelessness by creating pathways of engagement and change for volunteers and clients to end homelessness in our community. NoHo Home Alliance operates a drop-in access center for unhoused individuals four days a week; funds will support serving hot meals to individuals experiencing homelessness and food insecurity.	\$100,000



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<p>California Aquatic Therapy Wellness Center, Inc., dba Pools of Hope</p>	<p>The California Aquatic Therapy & Wellness Center (dba Pools of Hope)'s Nutrition Wellness Program will serve approximately 3,000 individuals and family members from low-income, under-resourced communities of North Long Beach, Compton, and Paramount. The program will provide nutrition education and outreach, nutritious food preparation classes, safe food handling education, and incentives to empower, support, and uplift community members. They expect to have a significant impact on multi-generational families, offering culturally-appropriate nutrition education both in-person and online over a 17-month period. Communities in their service area will have the knowledge and skills to create healthy meals, make positive choices, and seek the most nutrient-dense foods.</p>	<p>\$250,000</p>
<p>Health Consortium of Greater San Gabriel Valley, a program of Public Health Foundation Enterprises, Inc. dba Heluna Health</p>	<p>The Health Consortium of Greater San Gabriel Valley (Health Consortium) leads Food for All San Gabriel Valley (Food4All SGV) in partnership with five area hospitals. This project will expand sustainable access to medically tailored meals for Medi-Cal patients under CalAIM. Food4All SGV partner Project Angel Food will train healthcare partners on eligibility and referral processes, provide dedicated navigation for patients and referral partners, process referrals, onboard patients, and liaise with managed care health plans. The Health Consortium will recruit new program partners, including additional area hospitals and local Community Health Centers, building on the relationships the Health Consortium has developed and nurtured over the past two decades. The Health Consortium will also convene meetings, coordinate trainings, and compile program data. The lasting impact of the program will include the new and strengthened relationships among participating partners and sustainable access to medically tailored meals and nutrition education for Medi-Cal patients with eligible chronic diseases covered by CalAIM.</p>	<p>\$225,000</p>



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HealthBegins LLC	<p>HealthBegins' LA Food Equity BRIDGE program aligns regional stakeholders in LA County to implement food equity interventions, with an initial focus on increasing access to and utilization of medically tailored meals. The BRIDGE (Building Regional Initiatives to Develop and Grow Equity) model is a replicable framework for bringing together health plans, healthcare providers, community-based organizations, local health departments, and other key stakeholders to collaboratively tackle health equity challenges. To create a sustainable infrastructure and lasting change, the program guides BRIDGE members through estimating the potential benefits of collaboration, aligning on a shared SMART health equity goal, developing a comprehensive playbook for an intervention, piloting and refining the intervention, scaling the intervention across the entire membership, tracking progress, calculating the real outcomes and benefits of the intervention and collaboration, and sharing the results publicly. This infrastructure can be leveraged in the future to address additional food equity challenges and interventions, ensuring long-term impact in Los Angeles County.</p>	\$250,000
Help Me Help You	<p>Help Me Help You will expand their nutrition education activities while enhancing and sustaining food pantries and a delivery program. Through this project they will increase their ability to source healthier and culturally relevant food options, supplementing the donations they already receive. In addition to better food access, this project will support the implementation of monthly, science-based health education workshops focused on critical issues like diabetes, heart disease, and hypertension. These workshops will include culturally-specific recipes, cooking demonstrations, and interactive Q & A sessions tailored to reach diverse communities including Cambodian, Hispanic, Filipino, African American, children, and seniors. Additionally, they will strengthen relationships with local healthcare providers, enhancing client referrals to their programs.</p>	\$250,000



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Integrative Development Initiative	<p>Integrative Development Initiative (IDI) will develop and maintain a local food access garden for vegetable production and a community orchard supporting the maintenance of fruit trees at 17 local sites paired with harvest and distribution of fruit from those sites for local food access. IDI will also establish a community kitchen and health hub space to make accessible locally-grown, chemical-free fresh produce every week on both a donation basis and a wholesale purchase basis, including purchase with EBT and market match dollars. IDI will also use this space to incubate 3-5 local food preparation workers while preparing meals for farmers, community change activists, new moms, and the community at large through a community kitchen pop-up. Finally, IDI will offer culturally relevant, scientifically rigorous, and intellectually accessible in-person, traditional-foods-based nutrition education to ~60 community members through three courses of six sessions each. IDI will increase the impact of this course by preparing accessible and visually appealing physical materials to allow participants to revisit and deepen their learning, as well as share their new knowledge more broadly to others in their communities.</p>	\$75,000
Los Angeles Regional Food Bank	<p>The Los Angeles Regional Food Bank's Scaling Up the Nutrition Pantry Program for Healthy Communities will guide a partner agency cohort in implementing Nutrition Pantry Program training. The cohort will benefit from a 12-month training program that includes assessments, individual technical assistance, access to resources, and certification based on their achievements. Concentrated efforts will focus on enhancing nutrition education and improving the food distribution environment for neighbors who visit pantries. LA Regional Food Bank will offer nutrition education classes and food demonstrations that equip neighbors with the knowledge and skills to make healthier food choices. Agencies will receive pantry equipment, food demonstration kits, and nutrition education materials. After successfully finishing the program, agencies will have the capacity and equipment to sustain essential nutrition education programming and be granted stipends to facilitate further training.</p>	\$250,000



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Lundquist Institute/South Los Angeles Health Projects	<p>South LA Health Projects will expand food equity efforts for postpartum birth parents who are no longer eligible to participate in WIC. Project activities will include supplemental nutritious food and nutrition education for parents at high risk for poor birth outcomes. Program participants will include postpartum parents with diabetes or high blood pressure, or with infants who were born preterm or with congenital issues. High-risk parents will be offered monthly discussion sessions, which will also feature food demonstrations focused on incorporating nutritious foods into the diet. Participants will also receive supplemental food packages. Project staff will support participants in addressing individual challenges and strengthening household food security. South LA Health Projects will also provide nutrition education and healthy eating training to collaborating partners, including programs that train nutrition and dietetic students and community health workers.</p>	\$400,000
Pico Union Project	<p>Pico Union Project will build and refine Vida Sana, their free weekly community farmers' market and nutrition/wellness initiative. They will also provide supportive services and connections to local resources to support financial health and wellness and to ensure food security, access to healthcare, mental health services and safe and affordable housing. Funds will support increased staffing, including hiring local community members through their workforce development program, to support services for 1,000+ local residents weekly.</p>	\$125,000



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<p>The Children's Clinic dba TCC Family Health</p>	<p>TCC Family Health will focus on providing meaningful and culturally relevant support with healthier food options for patients and their families in ways that promote healing and belonging. Their nutrition promotion project will foster community connections to other families, resources, and positive cross-cultural exchanges. They will provide patients with access to healthy nutrient-dense, culturally specific foods through increased screening and counseling of food and nutrition security and improved linkages to their Free Farmers' Market, Free Drive-Thru Pantry, and the CalFresh supplemental nutrition assistance program. They will create opportunities for patients and families to access culturally affirming nutrition education and food preparation instruction by adopting promising practices for cooking workshops and collaborating with partners to provide culturally relevant healthy cooking sessions at their teaching kitchen and during the Free Farmers' Market. In addition, they will increase the amount of fresh produce distributed at their Free Farmers' Market and the hours of operation for patients and their families.</p>	<p>\$250,000</p>



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Community Partners 4 Innovation	<p>Community Partners 4 Innovation will build their organization's capacity in volunteer training and recruitment, grow their community education initiatives, scale up collaboration with other organizations, expand their farmers' markets, and increase community engagement. Specifically, they will increase volunteer recruitment and training in food distribution, customer service, and community engagement; conduct community workshops on sustainable farming practices, nutrition, and food justice; strengthen and expand partnerships and collaborations with local businesses, educational institutions, and community organizations to expand the reach of the food distribution network; explore opportunities to establish new access points or markets in underserved areas within Pomona; and invest in fostering a comprehensive and sustainable approach to food equity community engagement initiatives beyond food distribution, such as cultural events, workshops, and forums, fostering a sense of community and strengthening the social fabric while addressing immediate food needs.</p>	\$85,000
Community Services Unlimited Inc.	<p>The Village Market Place Community Food Hub is strengthening the food system and creating supply chain Infrastructure to meet the needs of Black and Brown residents of South Central Los Angeles. They do this through an interconnected web of activities supported by Community Services Unlimited's education, training, and service programs. This project will focus on 1) Expanding urban food production by offering training and technical assistance to home growers to grow food for resale at their homes and on other accessible lands, establishing legal/functioning micro-enterprises that increase income while meeting critical community food needs, 2) Expanding and deepening relationships with regional small farmers to ensure a consistent and diverse supply of seasonal and local agricultural products to Village Market Place retail and wholesale customers, and 3) Extending shelf life and increasing the convenience and affordability of healthy meals by expanding the Village Market Place's food processing capacity, including drying, canning, freezing, and packaging seasonal, healthy foods into shelf-stable, easy-to-transport, affordable packaged goods.</p>	\$400,000



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Eastmont Community Center	<p>Eastmont Community Center will establish a commercial kitchen to provide essential infrastructure for sustainable and resilient food systems. This kitchen will serve as a community hub where food entrepreneurs and residents can share knowledge, fostering opportunities and resources to enhance food access. This will enable them to generate employment opportunities for older adults, provide nutritious meals to low-income individuals, and offer valuable nutrition and business education. As a result, they will strengthen local food security, empower community members with new skills, and contribute to a more equitable and thriving food economy.</p>	\$400,000
Food Forward	<p>Food Forward recovers surplus fresh fruits and vegetables and distributes this abundance to hundreds of hunger relief organizations serving people in Los Angeles County and surrounding areas. This large-scale intervention in the food system effectively bridges the gap between produce suppliers and those experiencing food insecurity while significantly reducing food waste. Food Forward will increase their produce recovery volume to 100 million pounds in 2025 and improve distribution partnerships to increase community access to fresh produce in areas with high rates of food and nutrition insecurity.</p>	\$400,000
Foodbank of Southern California	<p>Foodbank of Southern CA will enhance food systems by increasing the efficiency of food distribution through various channels, including mobile hot food trucks, brown bag lunches, food boxes for college campuses, their new Foodbank Pantry, and partnerships with agencies dedicated to serving unhoused and underserved communities.</p>	\$400,000



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FoodCycle	<p>FoodCycle is dedicated to bringing new technology and innovation to address food inequity and climate change. For this project they will build upon, complement, and expand their existing proven food recovery model, building capacity through resource sharing and collaborative networks, including the South Los Angeles Food Recovery Alliance. They provide technological assistance and transportation support, while empowering community-based stakeholders to take on a leadership role and share decisionmaking and resource allocation, and will expand their work with local community-based hubs in areas of highest need.</p>	\$325,000
God's Pantry	<p>"God's Pantry is a community-focused organization dedicated to addressing food insecurity and empowering individuals to overcome social barriers through holistic support and leadership opportunities. The L.A. Food Equity Fund will strengthen their food recovery and distribution efforts while also supporting their workforce development program by funding three key staff members essential to these initiatives' success. They will aim to serve at least 100,000 families and provide work experience and case management to at least 120 trainees, empowering them with the skills and support needed for long-term stability."</p>	\$150,000



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Grow2Zero FARMS	<p>The Grow2Zero FARMS mission is to provide food, resources, and education to communities striving to achieve food security and minimize the environmental impacts of waste. This project will continue to advance this mission by increasing production on their quarter-acre Long Beach farm and increasing their food rescue capacity by expanding their growing space, hiring two graduates of their Future Urban Farmers Academy as farm assistants, and leasing a warehouse/storefront to expand their food storage and distribution capacity.</p>	\$150,000
GrowGood, Inc	<p>GrowGood will strengthen food systems and improve nutrition through ongoing food distribution pop-ups in food deserts and low-income communities throughout Los Angeles County. They will expand on their current food equity and distribution activities by providing access to high-quality, organically-grown produce at low to no cost for people living in low-access and high-need communities. Additionally, they will develop supplemental nutrition outreach materials that will include recipes, nutrition facts, and health benefits.</p>	\$200,000



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<p>Growing Communities, Inc dba Crop Swap LA</p>	<p>This project will see Crop Swap LA bolstering its urban farming network through the construction and operation of at least 15 satellite farms, small production sites that are stand-alone growing locations on small areas of land (< 500 sq ft) designed for low-maintenance specialty crops. Food grown on these sites will total an estimated 15,000 pounds annually, which will increase the overall distribution capacity for the Crop Swap LA's CSA membership, weekly farm stand, and other local procurement opportunities. These satellite farms will continue to be sited in the high-need neighborhoods of South Los Angeles, adding green space in overdeveloped urban areas while directly addressing the unavailability of fresh, nutrient-dense fruits and vegetables.</p>	<p>\$400,000</p>
<p>Hollywood Food Coalition</p>	<p>Hollywood Food Coalition will move their food recovery and distribution program to a larger warehouse facility by the end of 2024 and establish a Collaborative Food Hub. This will allow them to expand culturally-relevant food access across LA County by building shared food recovery infrastructure meeting the needs of food generators, small businesses, rescue organizations, and nonprofits, enabling them to recover more food and reduce food insecurity in their communities. Their collaborative facilitates cooperative resourcing by creating a warehouse with food recovery agencies and food distributors under one roof, increasing efficiency and collaboration, providing shareable infrastructure for diverse groups to work together. Practically, the Hub will enable them to increase the amount of food they can safely receive and store from larger food organizations needing to divert unsold, edible food from landfills. A larger facility will also enable them to increase the amount of food they can share with their nonprofit partners. They will partner with existing nonprofits to create more hyperlocal food programs, so Angelenos do not need to travel far to find food that meets their cultural, dietary, and family needs.</p>	<p>\$400,000</p>



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Homeboy Industries	Homeboy Industries provides hope, training, and support to former gang members and previously incarcerated people, allowing them to redirect their lives and become contributing members of their community. Homeboy Industries is the largest gang intervention, rehab, and reentry program and over 36 years has evolved from a workforce-centered program to a mental health and healing-centered program. Their Feed HOPE project will provide a quality meal program to local priority populations and communities. Feed HOPE targets food-insecure, economically disadvantaged, and geographically limited populations. Additionally, Homeboy Industries will host nutrition education workshops and meal preparation classes for the reentry populations.	\$400,000
Hope the Mission	Hope the Mission's 10,000 square foot industrial kitchen is providing nearly 6,000 meals every day to the hungry and homeless. By adding more equipment, they plan to raise this level of food production to 10,000 meals daily by the end of 2025. With their Regional Homeless Kitchen, they will also be able to share meals with neighboring shelters who depend on meal services for their clients. Plus, this facility will serve as the new home for their culinary arts job training site where those who are living in their shelters can learn valuable skills to help them find permanent employment when they start their new life of independence.	\$300,000
Japanese American Cultural and Community Center	JACCC will create the Little Tokyo Certified Farmers' Market to bring culturally appropriate, locally-grown, affordable fruits, vegetables, and other healthy foods directly to their Los Angeles neighborhood of Little Tokyo so that they may serve neighborhood residents, CalFresh shoppers, and local restaurants. To ensure the market meets the needs of predominantly Asian American older adult, low-income shoppers, they will build on existing relationships with Southern California's small but close-knit Japanese American farming families to recruit local farmers to participate. Although Japanese American farmers in California held 350,000+ acres in 1920, current Japanese American farmers operating small- and mid-sized farms find it difficult to maintain profitable businesses. This is now their opportunity to explore new ways to partner with and subsidize them, thus reducing their barriers to participation while supporting local- and climate-friendly food production. The market will also make space for tables providing recipes for healthy meals for older adults and children, opportunities to participate in Little Tokyo's bokashi and composting programs, CalFresh enrollment materials, information on government supports for mental and physical health, and more.	\$400,000



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LA Family Housing	<p>LA Family Housing will expand their Pantry Program to accept and distribute more recovered food donations and provide meal services for 5,400 people experiencing homelessness in Los Angeles. They will build their capacity to store quality perishable and non-perishable donated food items from local food pantries and partners, which will increase interim housing residents' access to healthy food through a distribution model that is more sustainable for the environment. In addition to distributing groceries directly to people experiencing homelessness, their in-house chef will create menus centered around recovered food ingredients for meal service to residents of interim housing, helping reduce their food insecurity as they work to find permanent homes and long-term stability.</p>	\$400,000
Los Angeles Unified School District	<p>LAUSD will educate and train more than 6,000 adults, caregivers, and community members and encourage them to provide healthier options at home for themselves and their children. They will partner with Federally Qualified Health Centers to target families who will benefit most from healthier eating and living. This project will address food insecurity by providing fresh produce and groceries, along with the necessary education and skills, to their families and community members who have been diagnosed with diet-related health conditions and live in food deserts. We will procure food from local food vendors who offer organic and other clean food options while also establishing a process to distribute recovered food to families.</p>	\$400,000
South Bay Outreach Center	<p>South Bay Outreach Center, located in Lawndale, will use funds to rebuild and make infrastructure improvements at their food distribution center, which was deeply affected by the pandemic. This will include expanding operations and food distribution, increasing volunteer and staff activities, and outreaching to additional community members in need. They will also build their sponsorship and support network of community organizations in the South Bay.</p>	\$275,000



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<p>St. Barnabas Senior Center of Los Angeles</p>	<p>Saint Barnabas's Food Equity Coalition brings together partners to reflect the cultural food preferences of the older adults that we serve. These partners will support them in creating a sustainable and scalable modernized food system to meet the nutritional needs of a diverse population. Updates to their existing kitchen will allow us to provide healthy cooking classes and work with partners to prepare meals, creating a cost-effective program that will provide fresh food that is more appealing and promotes more nutritional intake. In a recent pilot, SBSS offered Korean meals to members, and participation increased nearly 80% at some sites. Members reported that they were more likely to eat the meals due to familiarity with the types of food provided. By collaborating with other local organizations, their goal is to create a multigenerational program that supports workforce development while creating meals that are appealing and respect members' backgrounds and promote wellbeing.</p>	<p>\$400,000</p>
<p>Thai Community Development Center</p>	<p>Thai Community Development Center will sustain and grow the East Hollywood Certified Farmers' Market, including starting a third farmers' market. The funds will be used for staffing, operational expenses, marketing, and outreach. A portion of the grant funding will be allocated to staff training and development. This will include sending their team to specialized training programs and workshops focused on food equity, community engagement, and sustainable agriculture. They will also upgrade their technological infrastructure to improve data collection and analysis capabilities, expand their online presence, continue building strategic partnerships with local farmers and food producers, and hold additional events, workshops, and educational programs.</p>	<p>\$400,000</p>
<p>The Midnight Mission</p>	<p>As people experiencing homelessness become more fragile and susceptible to chronic illness, Midnight Mission has partnered with their on-site federally qualified medical provider to address nutritional needs related to common issues such as diabetes, hypertension, obesity, and dental problems. They will use funds for a combi-oven, tilt skillet, heat cabinets, serving wells, freezer expansion, inventory management system, increased tables, electric cart, and food truck. These items will increase the amount of food they can divert from landfills, increase the amount of food they can store, improve their ability to utilize food as medicine, and allow them to expand food distribution to the community through regular distribution of meals and pantry boxes.</p>	<p>\$400,000</p>



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The WOW Flower Project	The WOW Flower Project will use funds to purchase a refrigerated van and a tractor. This will increase growing capacity on their farm, provide greater access to healthy foods for the at-risk populations they support, and enhance their programming capacity overall to serve more people in the Antelope Valley region.	\$119,000
Union Station Homeless Services	Union Station Homeless Services will expand their Community Meals Program through capacity building and improved infrastructure in Northeast Los Angeles and the San Gabriel Valley. They will prepare and serve between 550,000-600,000 nutritious meals this year and will be better equipped to expand their program to meet the growing need across the region for years to come. Over the next year, Union Station will utilize these funds to increase program staff capacity, lease a commercial kitchen and purchase essential equipment, including a refrigerated box truck. In doing so, they will improve their ability to recover and redirect food from their community grocery and food assistance partners, increase their ability to produce, store, prepare, serve, and deliver thousands of meals at reduced costs, and broaden access to nutritious food for thousands of individuals experiencing homelessness or on the brink of homelessness from Northeast Los Angeles to Pomona.	\$400,000
Watts Labor Community Action Committee (WLCAC)	The Watts Labor Community Action Committee will use funds to enhance their food pantry and distribution program, purchasing food storage containers for dry/canned goods, refrigerators for perishable items, freezers for cold storage, and a cargo van for food pickups and deliveries. They will also expand their outreach efforts through social media, flyers, community events, and presentations, aiming to engage more South Los Angeles residents beyond their current service area. Staff will receive Safe Food Handling training and ServeSafe Food Handlers certifications to better serve individuals and their families, and to ensure clients are meeting their nutritional needs they will conduct surveys to better understand their needs. Clients will also be encouraged to participate in their MudTown Farms program, to learn sustainable farming practices and how to manage communal food systems.	\$400,000



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Westside Food Bank	<p>Westside Food Bank (WSFB) is expanding its capacity to combat food insecurity and strengthen community resilience in West Los Angeles with the installation of 1,000 square feet of state-of-the-art refrigeration and freezer systems at its newly acquired annex warehouse. This project will increase cold storage more than five-fold, enabling WSFB to accept significantly more fresh produce through the statewide Farm to Family program, along with additional frozen and protein foods that would otherwise be turned away due to limited capacity. This expansion will improve community health by increasing access to fresh, nutritious food for the low-income individuals and families served by WSFB and its network of over 60 partner agencies. The project also enhances WSFB's homelessness prevention efforts, providing rent-burdened families with free groceries that save them \$300 or more each month—critical funds that can go toward housing and other essential needs. Furthermore, the upgraded facility will bolster disaster relief efforts, ensuring the efficient delivery of food to workers and families displaced by wildfires or other emergencies. By investing in infrastructure improvements and expanding community partnerships, WSFB is building long-term sustainability while tackling urgent food equity challenges. This project ensures that fresh, life-sustaining food remains accessible to the most vulnerable residents of West Los Angeles, fostering stability and hope for the future.</p>	\$400,000

